



**BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION FOR THE
PALEN SOLAR POWER PROJECT**

DOCKET No. 09-AFC-7

REVISED COMMITTEE SCHEDULING ORDER

Background

On August 24, 2009, Solar Millennium, LLC and Chevron Energy Solutions (Applicants), submitted an Application for Certification (AFC) to the Energy Commission to construct the ***Palen Solar Power Project*** (PSPP), a solar thermal power plant facility located approximately 10 miles east of Desert Center, along Interstate 10 (I-10) approximately halfway between the cities of Indio and Blythe, in Riverside County, California.

The Energy Commission found the AFC data adequate on November 18, 2009, and assigned a Committee to conduct proceedings on the AFC. The Committee held a public Site Visit and Informational Hearing at Blythe City Hall on January 25, 2010, to discuss the review process and to identify issues that could affect the schedule.

The Committee held a Status Conference on July 6, 2010, to assess the parties' readiness for Evidentiary Hearings. Applicant, Staff, and Intervenor CURE filed Issues Statements setting forth proposed schedules for the remainder of the proceeding.

The Revised Committee Schedule reflects the Committee's careful consideration of each party's suggested schedule, Commission staff workload, and the Applicant's expressed desire to have this proceeding concluded in time for a Final Commission Decision to be issued no later than December 15, 2010, in order to qualify for American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009 (ARRA) funding if the AFC is approved.

The Committee may modify the schedule at any time by its own motion or that of a party. [Cal. Code Regs., tit. 20, § 1709.7(c).]

Status Reports and Status Conferences

The Committee understands that Commission staff are currently carrying an unprecedented workload, coupled with the need for several solar projects to commence construction before the end of this year in order to receive ARRA funding, meaning that

AFCs must be processed to completion at a rapid pace. Accordingly, the Committee **orders** that the parties promptly inform the Committee via memo, email, or telephone contact with the Hearing Adviser, of anything causing inability to meet a deadline. Any such communications shall be promptly docketed as appropriate.

Public Participation

The Energy Commission Public Adviser is available to assist the public in participating in the application review process. For those individuals who require general information on how to participate, please contact the Public Adviser's Office at (916) 654-4489 or 1-800-822-6228 or e-mail: **[publicadviser@energy.state.ca.us]**.

If you have a disability and need assistance to participate in any scheduled event, contact Lourdes Quiroz no less than five days prior to the hearing at (916) 654-5146 or e-mail: **[lquiroz@energy.state.ca.us]**.

Information

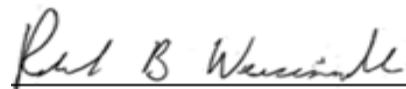
Questions of a legal or procedural nature should be directed to Raoul Renaud, the Hearing Officer, at (916) 651-2020 or e-mail: **[rrenaud@energy.state.ca.us]**.

Technical questions concerning the Project should be addressed to Alan Solomon, the Staff Project Manager, at (916) 653-8236 or e-mail: **[asolomon@energy.state.ca.us]**.

Media inquiries should be directed to the Office of Media and Public Communications at (916) 654-4989 or e-mail: **[mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us]**.

Information concerning the status of the project, as well as notices and other relevant documents may be viewed on the Energy Commission's Internet web page at: **[www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/solar_millennium_palen]**.

Dated: July 19, 2010 at Sacramento, California.



ROBERT B. WEISENMILLER
Commissioner and Presiding Member
Palen Solar AFC Committee



KAREN DOUGLAS
Chairman and Associate Member
Palen Solar AFC Committee

REVISED COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

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Milestone/Task	Date
Status Conference	7/6/10
Revised Staff Assessment (RSA) published	8/11/10
Applicant and Intervenor file Opening Testimony; Staff files Supplemental Testimony (if necessary)	8/25/10
All parties file Rebuttal Testimony and submit exhibits organized numerically and by topic to the Hearing Office	9/1/10
All parties file Prehearing Conference Statements	9/22/10
Prehearing Conference	9/27/10
Evidentiary Hearings	10/11/10 and 10/12/10
Parties file post-hearing briefs (if necessary)	10/21/10
Presiding Member's Proposed Decision (PMPD) published	11/10/10
Committee Hearing on PMPD (if necessary)	TBD
PMPD Errata published (if necessary)	TBD
Energy Commission Final Decision	12/15/10

TBD – To be determined.

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